

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 1 and 9 as amended in the Response filed January 28, 2002, now recite that the dye is dissolved in the aqueous medium (see page 31, lines 11-13 of the disclosure) and that the amount of glycerol present is not less than 2 weight % (note the working examples). Claims 1, 2, 5 and 8-11 are now in this application.

Applicants request reconsideration and re-examination of the claims, as amended above. An early and favorable examination is respectfully requested.

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Marked-up Claims 1 and 9

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Please replace claims 1 and 9 as follows:

1. (Five Times Amended) A jet printing ink comprising a dye and an aqueous medium, which further comprises glycerol and a basic polymer having a side-chain containing 1-imidazolyl, said dye being dissolved in the aqueous medium, wherein the basic polymer is contained in an amount of 0.1 to 50 weight % and the ink has a viscosity of 50 cp or lower at 25°C, and wherein glycerol is contained in an amount of not less than 2 weight %.

9. (Four Times Amended) A method of forming an ink image on a receiving sheet using an ink jet printer, which comprises jetting drops of an ink comprising a dye and an aqueous medium which further comprises glycerol and a basic polymer having a side-chain containing 1-imidazolyl, said dye being dissolved in the aqueous medium, wherein the basic polymer is contained in an amount of 0.1 to 50 weight %, and the ink has a viscosity of 50 cp or lower at 25°C, and wherein glycerol is contained in the ink in an amount of not less than 2 weight %.